

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, Dec 9th 1915:
The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Roll called :
Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell

Absent none:

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and adopted :

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council reports from the City Sexton, the City Health Officer ,the City Marshal ,the Fire Marshal for the month of November 1915, and that of the Supt of Streets for Sept 1915, which were read and ordered filed .

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the Treasurer of the City of Austin, Texas, be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of \$ 59.98, interest on daily balances of the Sanitary Sewer fund, of the City of Austin, Texas, for the month of November 1915 from the Sanitary Sewer fund to the Interest and Sinking fund where such credit properly belongs.

Transfer funds.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor,

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That for good reasons unto the City Council moving, the fine and costs imposed upon R B Cewart, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, in cause NO 10124, and amounting to \$ 19.80, be and the same are hereby remitted.

*R B Cewart
fine remitted*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor,

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the Supt of Parks and Public Property of the City of Austin, Texas, be and he is hereby authorized to contract with Ira Perry of Rockdale, Texas, for Lignite for the Wager Light and Power Plant of the City of Austin for the sum of \$ 1.28 per ton f o b Austin, Texas, said contract to be for such amount of lignite as may be required by the Water ,Light and Power Plant during the year 1916.

*Contract made
Ira Perry
Water Light & Power*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 440.50, or so much thereof as may prove to be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund of the City of Austin, Texas, to pay for the construction of a 20 inch drain pipe from the intersection of 4th and San Jacinto streets to the intersection of 3rd and San Jacinto streets in this City.

*Drain Pipe
San Jacinto St*

The causes for this appropriation and the details of the work to be done under it are set forth in the communication of the City Engineer to the City Council, dated December 4th 1915, and to which statement is a map of delineation is attached and reference is hereby made to said communication and map for further information concerning this appropriation.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 37.60, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund to pay for the concrete pavement at the intersection of the alley between Speedway and Tom Green street with east 23rd street.

*Pavement
Speedway*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4
Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Resolution approving City Engineers report concerning improvements upon east 1st street from the east property line of East Avenue to the East property line of Chicon street in the City of Austin, and directing a hearing to property owners concerning the assessment for a part of the cost of such improvements against them and their property, fixing a time for said hearing and directing that a notice be given to said property owners concerning the said hearing:

*Approving
Engineers report
paving 1st
E Ave to Chicon
St*

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Austin has heretofore determined to improve East 1st street from the East property line of East Avenue to the East property line of Chicon street in the City of Austin by paving the same with bitulithic pavement upon gravel concrete foundation with concrete gutters along curb lines and necessary excavation, and has adopted specifications for said work and has entered into contract for the same with the Texas Bitulithic Co, a Corporation; and

Whereas, the City Engineer of the City of Austin has this day filed his report in writing with the City Council, showing the total cost of the said improvements upon the said street, the amount per front foot of abutting property to be paid by the owners thereof and also the names of persons, estates or corporations owning property abutting on said improvements, with a description of their property and a statement of the total amount payable by each of said owners for said improvements; and

Whereas, the City Council has examined the said report and finds the same correct and Whereas, the necessity exists that a portion of the cost of said improvements should be assessed against said property owners and their property, subject to the terms of the Charter of the City and the ordinance in such case made and provided, and after the notice and hearing provided by said Charter and ordinance;

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the said report of the City Engineer be, and the same is hereby, approved and adopted.

That a portion of the cost of making the said improvements shall be assessed against said owners of property abutting on east 1st street from East Avenue to Chicon in the City of Austin, and against the said property; that the said assessment shall be made at the rate of \$ 2.6654 per front foot of such property in accordance with the "front foot" rule or plan in proportion as the frontage of each owner in each block of said street is to the whole frontage in that block to be improved, provided that if such rule of apportionment shall appear to the City Council to be unjust or unequal in any particular case, or to result in an assessment in excess of the benefits received through said improvements by any owner or his property, the City Council shall adopt such rule of apportionment as shall effect substantial equality and justice between said property owners, considering benefits received by and burdens imposed upon said owners, and that in no event shall any assessment be made in excess of the actual benefits received by the owners of said property through the enhanced value thereof by means of said improvement.

That a hearing shall be given before the Council to said property owners on the 23rd day of December, A D 1915, at 10 O'clock A M, at the Mayors office in the City Hall in the City of Austin, Texas; at which hearing said property owners, their agents or attorneys shall be fully and fairly heard as to all matters concerning the said improvements or any illegality or invalidity in the proceedings with reference thereto, or as to the benefits thereof, if any, to their property, and as to the assessment proposed to be made against them and their property, and as to any other matter or thing connected therewith. At which hearing the said owners shall have the right to produce witnesses and testimony, and which hearing shall be adjourned from time to time and from day to day until all are fully heard and all matters in connection with the said improvements and assessment fully ascertained; that after the said hearing shall be closed, said City Council will proceed to assess against the owners of property upon said street and their property, who shall agree with said Council upon the said assessments, such sums as may be so agreed upon and determined as provided by the Charter of the City and the said ordinance; and that as to any other such property owners who may not so agree, the Council will, after said hearing, appoint a committee to determine said assessments, and will take such further steps in ascertainment thereof as are provided by the Charter and ordinance.

That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements of the City of Austin is hereby directed to give notice hereof to the said property owners, their agents and attorneys by publication of a copy of this resolution not less than twice in the Austin Statesman, a daily paper of general circulation in the City of Austin, the first publication to be not less than five days prior to the date of said hearing.

That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

*Notice to property
owners on
East Avenue
Chicon
AK*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the balance of the fine and costs ,which balance amounts to \$ 8.80 ,in the case of the State of Texas vs Johnie Benson ,NO 9906,in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, for the offense of intoxication ,be and the same is hereby remitted.

The original fine and costs in this case amounted to \$ 34.80.\$26.00 ,of the fine and costs have been paid in money or worked out,leaving a balance of \$ 8.80.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor,

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That, upon the recommendation of H B Barnhart ,Assistant City Attorney,and W J Morris, City Marshal ,the fine and costs imposed in the case of State of Texas vs Joe Meyer,in cause No 10129, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, .Texas, for unlawfully riding a train,and amounting to \$ 10.00, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That, upon the recommendation of H B Barnhart,Assistant City Attorney, and W J Morris, City Marshal, the fine and costs imposed in the case of the State of Texas vs Jack King, in cause No 10128, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, .Texas, for unlawfully riding a train,and amounting to \$ 10.00, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldrdige, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That, for good causes unto the City Council moving ,the fine and costs, amounting to \$ 10.00, imposed against Para Armenos,in cause NO 10136, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, for unlawfully riding a train,be and the same are hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

*Johnie Benson
fine remitted*

*Joe Meyer
fine remitted*

*Jack King
fine remitted*

*Para Armenos
fine remitted*

December 11th 1915.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 124.10, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund for expenses incurred by Bartlett and Ranney of San Antonio, Texas, in making preliminary surveys for bridges.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Haynes 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the unexpended balances of appropriations made in the 1915 budget for the General street fund be, and the same are hereby, KKKK ordered transferred from the accounts to which these appropriations were made as follows:

Assistant Engineer	\$ 150.00
Stenographer	155.00
Rodman	110.00
Patrol Boss	720.00
Cartman	660.00
Blacksmith Supplies	150.00
Dam Boulevard	1,000.00
South 1st street	480.00

Total Transfers \$ 3,420.00

And be it further resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the total of the above unexpended balances , amounting to \$ 3,420.00, be and the same are hereby reappropriated as follows :

Draftsman ,8 months @ \$ 75.00	\$ 600.00
Store-keepers 1/6 months @ \$ 75.00,	612.00
Temporary Labor	1,058.00
Coal and Gasoline	100.00
Stock Feed	100.00
Miscellaneous equipment	950.00

Total Appropriations \$ 3,420.00

The Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Powell 4

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Haynes 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the following supplementary budget appropriating the \$ 18,037.90, transferred from the Permanent Street Improvement fund to the General Street fund be and the same is hereby adopted :

Bartlett & Ranney Expenses Survey for bridges

Transfer funds

Transferred

Assets:

Transferred from Permanent Paving fund		18,037.90
Less amount appropriated for Steel I beams	* 230.40	
Less amount appropriated for Street Railway Co for repairs to Johnson Creek bridge	613.87	
Less amount appropriated for Street Railway Co for repairs to bridge on 1st street & Waller Creek	44.95	
Total appropriations previously made		. 894.22

Balance unappropriated \$ 17,143.68

Appropriations made :

To Temporary Labor	* 11,150.00
To Lumber & cement	3,014.68
To incidentals and Miscellaneous contracts	350.00
To 43rd street improvement	1,375.73
To 10th street bridge across Shoal Creek	1,210.10
To 35th street improvement	42.17

Total appropriations made \$ 17,143.68.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, ~~Haynes~~ & Powell ~~Haynes~~
 Absent Councilman Haynes 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

Geo. Johnson
 City Clerk